Navigating the CTE Resource Center's Web Site
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1. Top Level Page: http://www.cteresource.org/about/index.html

- Serves as newsletter
- Launches into other areas

2. About: http://www.cteresource.org/about/index.html

- Mission
- Annual reports
- Staff
- Location

3. Verso: http://www.cteresource.org/verso2/search

In the spring of 2003, the CTE Resource Center introduced Verso, Virginia's Educational Resource System Online. Verso is an online curriculum management system designed to accommodate CTE task lists, student competency records, and instructional frameworks, along with other CTE course information. These online documents provide data in a logical, sequential format. All tasks in all courses are linked to the Virginia Standards of Learning, when appropriate, and additional resources are incorporated, such as connections to professional accreditation and certification organizations.

The benefits are many:
- Easy access to Virginia's statewide CTE curriculum requirements all in one location
- Immediate availability of CTE curriculum from home or school
- Up-to-the-minute data, such as certification information
- Links to companion documents, professional associations, student organizations, and other helpful Web sites for teachers and administrators

Each year all task lists, frameworks, and student competency records for the upcoming school year are available in Verso as of June 1. Additional listserv messages go out periodically throughout the year to inform registered users of new and revised products in the system.

When looking at the top Verso page on our Web site, you will see that you can search for course information and additional resources using the left-hand menu or the keyword search box.

4. Administrative Planning Guide: http://www.cteresource.org/apg/

The APG is the road map for all CTE courses; course information in the APG and Verso is always consistent because the two resources draw course data from the same database.

The VDOE uses the APG as a current repository of course information. When information changes for a course (e.g., credential, completer sequences, career cluster or pathway), the APG/Verso database is updated accordingly. Most APG/Verso changes occur when a course is undergoing curriculum revision. Additionally, changes are made to industry credentials whenever the Board of Education adds/deletes certifications and other credentials.

5. Career Planning Guide: http://www.cteresource.org/cpg/

- The CPG is a career-planning tool for students, as well as a resource for parents, teachers, and counselors who guide students in career choices.
- The CPG parallels the course completer, cluster, and pathway information contained in the APG and is updated along with the course frameworks and APG.

- Unique to the CPG is a database of sample careers and occupations related to a student's CTE and academic interests.
- The searchable database allows students to explore descriptions of various occupations and the educational preparation required for each.

6. Services: http://www.cteresource.org/services/index.html

In-service – The Center offers presentations on Verso, Center services, and other curriculum-related topics upon request from local school divisions and CTE-related professional organizations.

Local curriculum development – The Center assists, as permissible and possible, with local efforts.

Search – Center staff members perform research on CTE-related topics upon request; topics vary and have ranged from facility design, to resources for a specific course, to statistics on how CTE correlates to high school graduation and/or post-high school success.

7. Lending Library: http://www.cteresource.org/library/index.html

- Print and digital materials are CTE-related and available on a four-week loan basis; only cost is returning the resources to us.
- Online searchable catalog makes it easy for CTE educators in public schools in VA to check out our library items.
- Featured Resources are lists of Web resources available on specific topics.

8. Links: http://www.cteresource.org/links/index.html

- This page is an easy way for CTE teachers and administrators to navigate to CTE-related information.
- The "Tools for CTE Planning" section on the top level provides links to some of the most often used sites.

9. Wrap Up

We try hard to ensure that the Center's site provides high-quality, easy-to-use instructional resources and that information you need is readily available. The Center staff is always happy to answer specific questions at info@cteresource.org